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TAGS: EAIR, SP, US

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: IBERIA TICKET DISCOUNTING CASE

1. ACTING DIRECTOR OF AIR TRANSPORT IN SPANISH SUBSECRETARIAT OF CIVIL AVIATION, COLONEL MANUEL GARCIA BENITO, TOOK OCCASION OF EMBOFF'S AUGUST 17 VISIT ON OTHER MATTERS TO REQUEST EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN PRESENTING SPANISH VIEW OF CAB CASE AGAINST IBERIA FOR TICKET DISCOUNTING TO APPROPRIATE US AUTHORITIES ACCORDING TO GARCIA, CAB BROUGHT ACTION AGAINST IBERIA IN NEW YORK COURTS FOR TICKET DISCOUNTING BY TRACEL AGENT IN BOSTON. APPARENTLY PROPOSAL HAS BEEN MADE THAT IBERIA PLEAD GUILTY AND MAKE SETTLEMENT OF "OVER \$100.000 FINE", WHICH GARCIA SAYS SPANISH VIEW AS "EXTREMELY EXCESSIVE".

2. GARCIA EMPHASIZED THAT SPANISH VIEW CASE AS SERIOUS ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY BELIEVE IBERIA IS INNOCENT AND THAT US TRAVEL AGENT HAS ADMITTED THAT HE IS GUILTY PARTY. GENERAL YNIGUEZ DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AIR TRANSPORT, SENT LETTER TO CAB CHAIRMAN ROBSON ON JULY 11 WITH REGARD TO THIS MATTER.

3. COMMENT: EMBOFF TOLD GARCIA THAT HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH DETAILS OF CASE, ALTHOUGH SOME SMALL ITEMS HAD APPEARED IN SPANISH PRESS. EMBASSY WOULD  
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APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON STATUS OF CASE AND WHAT, IF ANY, CHANNELS ARE AVAILABLE TO SPANISH AUTHORITIES TO PURSUE MATTER. EMBOFF UNDERSTOOD FROM COLONEL GARCIA THAT IBERIA HAD APPEALED TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR ASSISTANCE AND WE PRESUME THAT SPANISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON IS PURSUING MATTER WITH DEPARTMENT. STABLER

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